



Trinity Sport Union Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting #3 – Michaelmas Term 2025/26

Monday, 8 December 2025 - 17:00 - Trinity Sport Centre Board Room

In Attendance

Jane Prendergast (Chairperson), John O'Hara (Hon. Secretary), Sam Ledoux (Junior Treasurer), Ciara Mulligan (Vice Chairperson), Prof. Cyril Smyth (Chair of the Pavilion Bar Committee), Liam Bean (Pavilion Bar Committee Member), Marcus Boggan (Senior Honorary Treasurer), Sharon Campbell (Advisory Board), Robert Otway-Norwood (Advisory Board), Ian Beatty-Orr (Advisory Board), Russell Bolger (Club Representative), Aisling Mulligan (Club Representative), Zia Ahmed (Club Representative), Agathe Seiler (Club Representative), Ryan Molinare (Club Representative), Carmel Maher (Club Representative), Lilia Goh En Ying (Club Representative), Luke Sellars (Club Representative), Natasza Kundycka (Hon. Secretary of Captains Committee), Niamh Digby-Bratton (Club Operations & Development Manager, ex officio), Kate McFadden (DUFC Representative, ex officio).

Apologies

Caitríona Kennedy (Pavilion Bar Committee Member), Prof. Anil Kokaram (Advisory Board), Michelle Tanner (Director of Sport and Physical Activity, ex officio).

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting were approved. Proposed by Ciara Mulligan and seconded by Ryan Molinare.

3. Noting of Appointments

The appointment of Natasza Kundycka (DU Canoe & Kayak) as Honorary Secretary of the Captains' Committee for 2025/26 was noted. Luke Sellar (DU Boat Club) was further noted as being co-opted onto the TSU Executive Committee, replacing Katie McClain (DU Ladies Boat Club) as a Club Representative.



4. Semester in Review

Presenter: Jane Prendergast (Chairperson)

a) Clubs - Performance

The Chair highlighted strong club performances across the semester, including league and cup successes. Improved engagement between clubs and the TSU was noted, particularly through e.g. attendance at Committee trainings, participation in the Club photoshoots, and improved and more efficient use of Club processing forms.

b) Trinity Sport Union

The Chair outlined key TSU action areas, with emphasis on representation both within the University and externally. Priorities for Hilary Term were noted as continuations of existing workstreams. It was further noted that the Pavilion Bar Grant will be circulated to clubs shortly, using a model similar to the Trinity Trust grant process.

5. Update from the Chair of the Pavilion Bar

Presenter: Prof. Cyril Smyth

Prof. Smyth reported that turnover for the first four months of the financial year reached €524,000, the highest on record, with €369,000 attributed to alcohol sales. The Executive noted the update and commended the continued strong performance.

6. Update from the Director of Sport & Physical Activity

Presenter: Niamh Digby-Bratton (on behalf of Michelle Tanner)

It was noted that the department is operating with a skeleton team during a quieter period. Members were advised that the Sports Hall will be used for University examinations, including Scholarship examinations, during the relevant period.

7. Update from the Club Operations & Development Manager

Presenter: Niamh Digby-Bratton

Updates included engagement with Clubforce, the introduction of tiered supports for clubs, and progress on the Women in Sport project, with Women in Sport grants to be distributed before Christmas.

The Pavilion Bar Grants were outlined, with funding available across three categories:

1. Coaching



2. Equipment

3. Competition

Clubs may apply for up to €15,000, with retrospective applications permitted. An update was also provided on club visibility initiatives.

8. Update on Constitutional Evaluation Group

Presenter: Jane Prendergast (Chairperson)

The Chair confirmed the composition of the Group as Jane Prendergast, Prof. Anil Kokaram, Marcus Boggan, Ryan Molinare, and Caitríona Kennedy. Emphasis was placed on maintaining a manageable workload and focusing on targeted amendments.

9. Update on Club Sport Visibility Group

Presenter: Ciara Mulligan (Vice Chairperson)

The Group has met and drafted its Terms of Reference. Discussion focused on enabling clubs to express their identity and personality through platforms such as TikTok while maintaining professionalism.

An update was provided on actions taken to date, including the establishment of a group chat for club PROs, shifting responsibility for social media communication from captains to PROs.

Decision: Terms of Reference approved.

10. Update on Club Fundraising & Sponsorship Group

Presenter: Sam Ledoux (Junior Treasurer)

The Group reported progress towards compiling best-practice guidance for clubs to be completed by the next meeting. It was noted that Trinity Development & Alumni and Trinity Trust operate differently and should be approached accordingly by clubs.

The Group highlighted its intention to support smaller clubs in developing sustainable fundraising and sponsorship practices.

Decision: Terms of Reference approved.



11. Club Affairs as raised by Club Representative

DU Taekwondo: Delays were noted following the departure of Ale Casarin, Clubs Communications & Executive Officer. Sarah Kenny is acting as a temporary replacement, with a full-time appointment expected by February.

Ryan Molinare raised a request from a club seeking access to TSU Executive minutes relating to the SSI Year of Grace decision. Queries were also raised regarding communication on payment and reimbursement processes.

DU Ladies Hockey: Issues were raised regarding TCD login access for external members on Clubforce.

DU Cricket: The Club noted challenges relating to fronting funds for suppliers ahead of the 31 December deadline.

Outstanding issues from previous meetings were also noted, including external group use of climbing facilities and budget matters.

12. Any Other Business

It was noted that due to a technical issue, members participating via Zoom were disconnected and absent for the final portion (closing agenda items) of the meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Dates for Hilary Term meetings will be agreed following consultation with members of the Executive and circulated at the beginning of term.